#### REMARKS

As an initial matter, Applicants are grateful to the Examiner for allowing claims 1-2, 5-6, 9-11 and 19-21. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 3-4, 8, and 12-15 were previously cancelled, No claim have been amended or added. Therefore, claims 1-2, 5-7, 9-11 and 16-21 are presented for examination.

# 35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejection

Claims 7 and 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101, because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 7 and 16-18 are allowable. As discussed with the Examiner in telephonic conversations, the rejection of claims 7 and 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. Section 101 is improper under the existing patent laws and PTO policies. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 7 and 16-18.

### Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

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### Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

# Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

# Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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